Northern Notes

North Students to Sing in Carnegie Hall

Congratulations to **Bailey Baldwin, Jeremy Esbin, Kristen Frazier, Ariel Hudak, Michael Lloret, and Jesus Lopez** who were chosen by audition to be a part of the ACDA Eastern Division Junior High Honor Choir, and to **Chad Baldwin, Najwa Parkins, and Samantha Stein** who were chosen by audition to be a part of the ACDA Eastern Division High School Honor Choir. These choirs are made up of the top junior high and high school vocal students from several eastern states. The groups will perform in New York's famous Carnegie Hall on February 18th under the direction of Judith Willoughby and Anton Armstrong.

Congratulations to **Anthony Bortone**, Grade 12. Anthony was chosen by audition to participate in PMEA District Chorus in February.

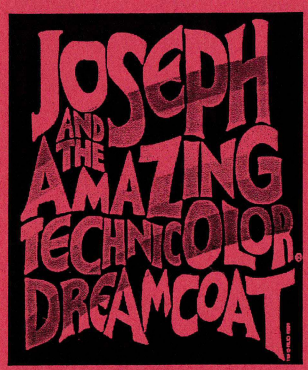
North Choirs Travel to Penn State University

On **February 10 – 12**, the ESHS North Choirs will take a weekend trip to **Penn State University** to participate in Penn State's "Celebration of African American Spirituals" weekend. Our students will perform in a choral adjudication in front of an esteemed panel of judges. They will also perform in concert in front of the other participating choirs, and have the opportunity to attend concerts given by high school and university choirs. The weekend culminates in a massed choir performance where all of the participating students combine together.

Before leaving for Penn State, the Choir will travel to the elementary schools throughout the district to present educational assembly programs. Special thanks to Mr. Carty, Bushkill Elementary Principal, for being the first to open his doors to our choir.

Oh Boy!

On November 13th, **Chris DeMarinis, David Horne, Jeremy Esbin, Gordon Fretz, Michael Lloret, and Jesus Lopez** participated in an all-male junior high honor choir at Camp Hill Middle School. The boys spent the day working with Ms. Judy Hanson, director of the Chicago Children's Chorus. Following a full day of rehearsal, the boys presented a wonderful concert for parents and community members. The audience enthusiastically applauded the all-male choir and gave them a standing ovation at the conclusion of their performance.



The 2005-2006 High School North musical will be Andrew Lloyd Webber's **"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."** Auditions will be held on Friday, December 16th at 2:30 PM. Callbacks will be held on Monday, December 19th at 2:30 PM.

The performances will take place on April 7 – 9. Tickets are $8.00 and are available at the door.

Evening of Holiday Music

Join the East Stroudsburg North High School Band for an "Evening of Holiday Music" on December 10th at the Top of the

World Restaurant in Saw Creek. Performances will be at 7:00 and 9:00 pm and dinner will be served between 6:30 pm and 10:00 pm. The cost of the dinner is $20, which includes a choice of entrée, soup/salad, dessert, coffee/tea and tax. The profits from the dinner go toward fundraising for the spring band tour to California. For tickets call 570.588.6600 and ask for Jim or Lynn.

Marching Band Qualifies for Championship

Congratulations to the East Stroudsburg HS North Competition Band for their participation in the Atlantic Coast Championships. For the first time in school history, the band qualified for this competition where they competed with the top 25 bands grouped according to size in the Tournament of Bands competition circuit. The Timberwolves band emerged from the event ranked 16th out of the top 25 bands.

District Band Auditions

On Saturday, December 3, eight students auditioned for the PMEA District 10 Band to be held at Whitehall High School in January. Members will be selected for this honors band from over 800 auditioning students. Students who auditioned from the North band program were Lisa Asplint, Anthony Bortone, Dawn Gannon, Brian Ludwig, Najwa Parkins, Andrew Stack, and Matt Wisotsky. Results are expected shortly! Best of luck to all who auditioned.

Tubas on Ice!

On Sunday, December 11, several low brass students will travel to Rockefeller Plaza in New York City to represent our school at the **Annual Merry Tuba Christmas** concert. This concert draws performers of all ages from all over the world together to perform a variety of holiday carols on the ice at Rockefeller Center. This concert has quickly become a cherished tradition among the North Band's low brass instrumentalists. Students representing the North Band program are Josh Burak, Candice Green, Andy Ludwig, Najwa Parkins, Kayla Pollard, Jimmy Sayre, Tim Sheehan, and Andrew Stack. Tim DeSilva, Jesus Lopez, and Hillary Saviello will be representing Lehman Intermediate.

California, Here We Come!

This spring, the North Band will be making its bi-annual spring tour. This year's tour takes the band to Southern California where they will share their musical talents with a local high school's music program, learn about marine life at Sea World, tour Hollywood learning about contemporary popular music, and perform at Disney Land's Magical Musical Days.

Department Concert

The North Instrumental Music Department Concert is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 7** at 7:00 PM. This concert will feature the fifth grade band, sixth grade band, seventh and eighth grade band, and high school band. We are proud to welcome guest composer and conductor **Steve Reisteter** to the North Campus.

Lehman Intermediate Sixth Grade Chorus

Due to our growing numbers, this is the first year that the sixth grade chorus has been divided to meet on separate days. Days 1,3,5 Chorus is made up of 46 girls and the 2,4,6 Chorus has 58 boys and girls. Both groups have been successful in learning and using new vocal techniques that will help their singing voices mature.

On December 1st and 8th, the choruses took field trips to see **"Miracle on 34th Street,"** performed at Shawnee Playhouse. All who attended enjoyed the performance. We were lucky enough to see Lehman Intermediate eighth grade student **Ariel Hudak** as part of the ensemble. You will be proud to know that all of the students were very polite and well behaved throughout the entire trip!

New high school vocal department website:

www.esasd.net/ehn/vocal